Dallas

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 27 (UPI)—President Johnson's own version of his post-assassination flight home from Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, contrasts sharply with rumored descriptions of him as an inconsiderate boor in William Manchester's "The Death of a President."

Johnson's comments, in testimony for the Warren Commission on July 10, 1964, are his only known public remarks on the issue. Somehow, they have become obscured in a welter of rumor and speculation about Manchester's opus.

Story: LBJ's Own

According to Johnson's testimony, this is what happened aboard the presidential plane, Air Force One, that carried the Johnson and Kennedy parties back to Washington along with President Kennedy's body:

"We were ushered into the private quarters of

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the President's plane. It didn't seem right for John Kennedy not to be there. I told someone that we preferred for Mrs. Kennedy to use these quarters.

"Shortly after we boarded the plane, I called Robert Kennedy, the President's brother and the attorney general. I knew how grief-stricken he was, and I wanted to say something that would comfort him. Despite his shock, he discussed the practical problems at hand—problems of special urgency because we did not at that time have any

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